(b) if so, whether this ratio is being implemented in rural areas;

(c) the details of vacant posts of doctors and nurses in the country at present;

(d) whether any certain date has been fixed to fill these vacant posts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No. However, in order to provide Quality Health Care services to the community, Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) have been prescribed for implementation in the Country in which requirement of doctors, nurses and other staff has been defined for the health facility.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per available records, there are 4068 and 4708 vacancies of doctors at Community Health Centers and Primary Health Centers respectively and 8781 vacancies of Nurses in the country.

(d) and (e) No date has been fixed to fill the vacant posts.

Treatment and settlement of leprosy patient

501. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that leprosy related cases are rising in the country while Government statistics show that they are on the decline;

(b) if so, whether Government has done a fresh survey of leprosy affected people in the country;

(c) what is State-wise break up and how many fresh cases have come to light in the rural and urban areas separately; and

(d) what has been response of Government for the settlement and treatment of leprosy patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Leprosy related cases are not rising in the country, on the contrary, the reported cases are declining over the years. The number of new leprosy cases detected during last five year are given below:

2004-2005	-	260036
2005-2006	-	161457
2006-2007	-	139252
2007-2008	-	137685
2008-2009	-	134184

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Under National Leprosy Eradication Programme, following actions are being taken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for treatment of leprosy patients and facilitating settlement of leprosy affected persons:-

(i) Detection and treatment of leprosy by ensuring availability of drugs for Multi Drugs Therapy (MDT) at all PHC/Govt. dispensaries free of cost.

(ii) Involving Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) in referring suspect cases of leprosy to nearest PHC and follow-up of the cases for treatment completion.

(iii) Providing funds for dressing materials, appliances and supportive medicines to cases with leprosy reactions/ulcers and microcellular rubber (MCR) footwears to leprosy affected persons with insensitive feet.

(iv) Providing funds for Re-constructive surgery services to Leprosy Affected Persons free of cost for disability correction.

Confirmed cases of H1N1 infections

502. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of confirmed HINI infected persons in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government for isolation and treatment of swine flu infected persons; and

(c) the number of men, women and children who died of such infection, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There have been 16201 laboratory confirmed cases of Influenza A HINI [earlier called swine flu] as on 20th November, 2009. State-wise and Union Territory-wise list of cases is at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) All States/Union Territory Administrations have identified hospitals to isolate and treat patients of Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 including private hospitals. Government of India has provided about 18 million capsules of oseltamivir and personal protective equipments to all the states/ Union Territory Administrations to treat patients free of cost.

(c) List of men, women and children who died of Pandemic Influenza A H1N1, State-wise and Union Territory-wise is at Statement-II.

Statement-I

Lab Confirmed Cases of Influenza A H1N1 as on 20 November 2009

Sl.No.	State	Lab confirmed cases
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	773
2.	Karnataka	1562
3.	Tamil Nadu	1751